

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1655

Introduced by Assembly Member Jerome Horton

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 19605.21 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1655, as introduced, Jerome Horton. Horse racing: satellite wagering.

Existing law provides that the Horse Racing Board may, subject to certain conditions, authorize fairs and racing associations in different zones throughout the state that conduct race meetings to operate satellite wagering facilities and accept wagers on races conducted in that fair or association's particular zone, as specified.

Existing law further prohibits a satellite wagering facility, except when that facility conducts live race meetings, from being located within 20 miles of any existing satellite wagering facility or track which conducts live race meetings. In the northern zone existing racing associations and satellite wagering facilities may waive this prohibition.

This bill would permit a licensed racing association or fair in a particular zone, to operate a satellite wagering facility for wagering on races in any county within that zone that does not have a currently licensed satellite wagering facility, subject to certain conditions. This bill would also prohibit locating a satellite wagering facility, pursuant to this provision, within 30 miles of any existing satellite wagering facility or any race track where a racing association or fair conducts live race meetings, unless the fair or association waive the prohibition. This bill would require a racing association or fair, no longer licensed

pursuant to this provision, to relinquish its licence to conduct a satellite wagering facility as established by this provision.

By expanding the opportunity for satellite wagering this bill would increase the amount of continuously appropriated license fees, thereby making an appropriation.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 19605.21 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 19605.21. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on
4 or after January 1, 2008, the board may authorize a racing
5 association or fair licensed to conduct a racing meeting in the
6 northern zone to operate a satellite wagering facility for wagering
7 on races in any county within the northern zone that does not
8 have a currently licensed satellite wagering facility, subject to all
9 of the conditions specified in Section 19605.3. Further, the board
10 may authorize a racing association or fair licensed to conduct a
11 racing meeting in the central or southern zone to operate a
12 satellite wagering facility for wagering on races in any county
13 within the central or southern zone that does not have a currently
14 licensed satellite wagering facility, subject to the conditions
15 specified in subdivisions (a) to (e) of Section 19605.3 and the
16 conditions and limitations set forth in Section 19605.6.

17 (b) No satellite wagering facility, operating pursuant to
18 subdivision (a), shall be located within 30 miles of any existing
19 satellite wagering facility or of any track where a racing
20 association or fair conducts a live racing meeting. However, such
21 a racing association or fair or any existing satellite wagering
22 facility may waive the prohibition contained in this subdivision.

23 (c) If a racing association or fair licensed pursuant to
24 subdivision (a) is no longer licensed by the board to conduct a
25 live racing meeting then it must relinquish its license to conduct
26 a satellite wagering facility established pursuant to subdivision
27 (a).

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